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INVOLVEMENT OF SENIOR OFFICERS IN CORRUPTION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many senior officers in Defence Forces are facing serious charges of corruption;

(b) if so, the number of such officers facing corruption charges during the last three years;

(c) the number of senior officers found guilty of such charges during the said period and the punishment given to each of them; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken by the Government to check corruption in the defence force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The list of senior officers in Defence forces facing charges of corruption and details of such cases, is given in enclosed statement.

(d) Indian Armed Forces are governed by their respective Acts namely Army Act, Navy Act and Air Force Act. Appropriate provisions exist in these Acts for taking action against force personnel indulging in corrupt practices. Further, there is a well-defined Procurement Procedure with built-in checks and balances. For ensuring high levels of transparency in defence deals/purchases, Government have issued orders, in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), for mandatory and time-bound scrutiny of all major procurement/purchase decisions, (worth Rs.75 crores and above), by the Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) and, where necessary, by CVC. Wherever Government has apprehensions about a particular case, it is promptly referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).